

October Newsletter

The new school year is now well under way and the pupils and staff have all settled in well to the new routines of school life. It is wonderful to say that once again the school is a hive of activity.

Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation

- **Confirmation:** Friday, the 8th March at 11.00 a.m. in Holy Family Church
- **First Holy Communion:** Friday, the 3rd of May at 11.30 a.m. in the Holy Family Church
- **First Penance:** To Be Confirmed



Parent/Teacher Meetings



Parent/Teacher meetings are scheduled to take place during the week of the 13th of November. Appointment times can be booked through the Aladdin app. soon. If you have not downloaded the app yet, please contact the office for assistance.

Halloween Dress Up



Our annual Halloween dress up day for our pupils will take place on Friday, the 27th of October. We ask that costumes are age appropriate and to please avoid sending props in with your child's costume which may be hazardous.

Annual Clothing Collection

We hope to run our annual clothing collection at some stage this term. Currently we are trying to secure a date for the collection. As soon as we have a concrete date secured we will inform parents of how they can drop their bags off in a secure and safe manner. As this is our main source of fundraising in the school I earnestly ask that every family support this initiative and prepare some bags of clothing to be ready for when we inform you of the date of the collection.



Enrolment



If you have a child hoping to join us in Junior Infants for the 2024/2025 school year, please ensure you complete an 'Application for Admission Form' and return it to the office with all accompanying paperwork by the 6th of November 2023. The Admission policy and the Admission Application Form can be accessed on the school website at www.bayestatens.com. Our admissions notice is up on our website for viewing which outlines how many spaces we have available (including in our special classes)

Building Update

We have been given a final completion date for the 27th of November. The extension of this is due to a delay for the contactors in securing different building materials. The back gate is scheduled to be reopened and operational from this date. In the meantime, the temporary access will be available for use. We would like to thank all pupils and parents/guardians for their ongoing support with the building project.

**Extra- Curricular Activities****Soccer**

Congratulations to our girls' soccer team who won the local group FAI competition. The girls will now represent the Dundalk area in the county competition in Drogheda. Well done to Ms Craven and her girls on their recent success.

Cumann na mBunscol

Well done to our boys and girls gaelic teams who represented the school at recent competitions. Both teams really enjoyed taking part in the competitions and did the school proud. Our girls' team will be competing in the final of the shield in the coming weeks.

**Attendance**

School starts at 8.50 a.m. The children will be supervised from 8.40 – 8.50 each morning and from 2.30 – 2.40 each evening. In the event that your child is absent please use the Aladdin app to upload the reason for their absence.

**Appointments**

Should your child have to leave early or arrive in after school start time. They will be signed in/out by the school secretary in the sign in and out book.